

Home Visiting Program

Mississippi

Healthy Homes Mississippi Home Visiting Program is funded in part through federal investments from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Home Visiting Program), and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children.

The Home Visiting Program, which builds upon decades of scientific research, provides voluntary, culturally-appropriate, individually-tailored supports to families in their homes, including providing information about children's health, development, and safety, and when appropriate, referrals to support services.

Through federal grants from the Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2014, home visitors in Mississippi:

- Made 6,628 home visits to 1,022 parents and children in 474 families
- Enrolled 489 new parents and children to the program
- Served families living in communities in 7 counties across the state, or 9% of Mississippi counties

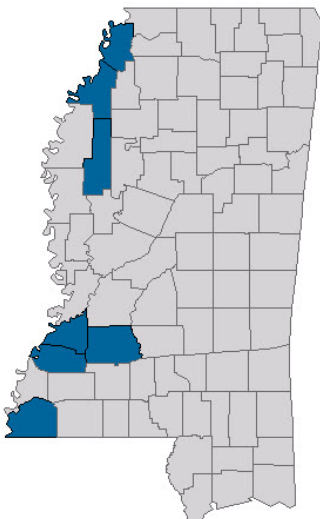
The Home Visiting Program in Mississippi:

- Has partnered with early childhood training programs for staff training on mental health
- Has collaborated with mental health service providers to provide services to at need children and parents

Like all Home Visiting Program grantees, Mississippi uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Mississippi leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

- [Healthy Families America](#)

Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the Home Visiting Program (as of February 2015)*:



*Claiborne, Coahoma, Copiah, Jefferson, Sunflower, Tunica, Wilkinson

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[National Survey of Children's Health 2011/2012 Mississippi Profile](#)

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The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in close partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The Program supports at-risk pregnant women and families, and helps parents of children from birth to kindergarten entry tap the resources and hone the skills they need to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

Research shows that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of life improve maternal and child health, prevent child abuse and neglect, increase positive parenting, and enhance child development and school readiness.